

COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Military Information from Potsdam

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1. During the night of 3 April 1953, the troops who occupied three buildings of the permanent radio station at Nedlitz, which is the former stable for saddle horses of Cavalry Captain Hasse (fmu), left the installation for an undetermined destination. Civilian residences which served as officer billets were also vacated and turned over to the civilian population.

2. On 14 April, the Ruinenberg Kaserne in Potsdam quartered an estimated 400 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

3. Prior to 27 April, the occupation of the Kriegsschule in Potsdam was unchanged with about 1,500 to 1,800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 27 April, about 50 to 60 troops engaged in firing practice with rifles.

4. Prior to 27 April, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by 600 to 800 troops. Soldiers practiced with 2 x 76.2-mm field guns. No other training activity was noticed.

5. At about 6 p.m. on 27 April, billeting equipment and 1 T-34/85 tank were entrained at the Wildpark railroad station. The loading detail numbered about 200 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and had come from the direction of Gelm. The equipment was hauled to the station on trucks.

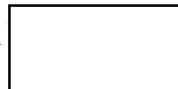
6. From 23 to 28 April, the Kavallerie Schule at Krampnitz quartered only about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia after the troops had departed. At 2:30 p.m. on 23 April, 14 trucks engaged in driving practice in the area west of Bullenwinkel, while 60 soldiers received basic infantry training with rifles and 80 other soldiers did athletic exercises on the barracks yard of the installation in Krampnitz-West. At 3 p.m. on 24 April, about 60 soldiers repaired tank obstacles in the training area north of the barracks installation. Between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 28 April, about 250 soldiers marched from the installation toward Bullenwinkel. They were later seen at aiming practice with rifles. No training activity was noticed in the installation.

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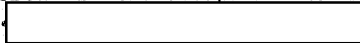
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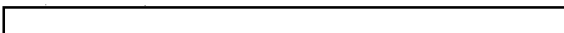
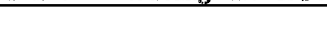
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1.  Comment. The report tends to indicate that, compared with a previous report, no changes occurred in the occupation of the barracks installations mentioned in the report. 

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2.  Comment.  the signal battalion of the G O F G and a repair shop unit carried in the barracks installation in Gdm started vacating the installation and entraining at Wildpark on 26 April  The present report tends to indicate that the entraining operations continued on 27 April.

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3.  Comment. As the majority of the units of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Krampnitz had left by 20 April, the information that the Kavallerie Schule quartered a rear unit of about 400 troops is believed correct.

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